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## **LOS ANGELES AREA REGISTERED NURSE'S LICENSE SUSPENDED**

*Individual became licensed as a nurse with bogus transcripts from a school in the Philippines.*

LOS ANGELES – At the request of the Board of Registered Nursing, an Administrative Law Judge today suspended the license of Junizar Manansala for using fake transcripts to gain entrance to the National Council Licensing Exam (NCLEX-RN) and eventually become licensed.

The Board will now proceed with efforts to permanently revoke his license.

“Our top priority is to protect the health and safety of the public,” said Board of Registered Nursing Executive Officer Louise Bailey. “Someone who works as a nurse must have the proper education.”

Board investigators found that in October 2003, Manansala submitted an application for licensure by examination with documents purported to be official transcripts from Far Eastern University in Manila in the Philippines. Manansala attested under penalty of perjury that he attended Far Eastern University in June 1996 and earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in March 2002.

During the Board's investigation, it was determined that Manansala did not actually earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Far Eastern University. Homeland Security records indicate he did not leave the United States from 1994 to 2008.

In 2007, he was issued a Registered Nurse license and began working as a Registered Nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of Northridge Hospital Medical Center (NHMC) until 2008, during which time he was cited for poor work performance.

In 2009, he began working at Valley Presbyterian Hospital as a Registered Nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. During Manansala's employment at Northridge Hospital Medical Center and Valley Presbyterian Hospital, he allegedly offered to sell fraudulent Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees and forged academic transcripts to coworkers and others.

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